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August 14, 1979

ATTENTION: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director

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SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

File: 0272/0498/15525 Interim Report for Potential Reportable Deficiency No. 79/11 As Defined in 10 CFR

50.55(e) AECM-79/87

On July 9, 1979, Mississippi Power & Light Company notified Mr. J. K. Rausch of your office of a potentially reportable deficiency at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station construction site. The deficiency concerns a problem with cracked control device assemblies on 4.16 KV Switchgear, 6.9 KV Switchgear and 480 Volt Load Centers, provided by Gould-Switchgear Division.

To date, the inspection of breakers associated with 6.9 KV Switchgear, 4.16 KV Switchgear, and 480 Volt Load Centers identified the following quantities of cracked control devices:

## Cracked Devices

Type of Equipment	Unit 1	Unit 2
6.9 KV Switchgear	15	*
4.16 KV Switchgear	36	*
480 Volt Load Centers	16	9

\*Not Inspected

The degree of cracking did not appear to correlate with the frequency of operating the devices.

This deficiency is currently under investigation to determine reportability within the conditions of 10 CFR 50.55(e) and corrective action. The decision on reportability will be provided to you no later than November 30. 1979.

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Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Yours truly,

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